

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

JOSEPH MICHAEL DEVON ENGEL, )  
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Plaintiff,                    )  
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v.                             )                                  No. 4:20-CV-1739 JMB  
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ERDCC, et al.,                )  
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Defendants.                   )

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff Joseph Michael Devon Engel's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal. ECF No. 9. When the Court dismissed this action on December 31, 2020, the Court stated that an appeal would not be taken in good faith, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), and it is not apparent that plaintiff now seeks appellate review of any issue that is not frivolous. *See Coppededge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 445 (1962).

Further, plaintiff has engaged in the practice of repeatedly filing meritless lawsuits in this Court. At this time, he has filed over one-hundred and thirty (130) lawsuits in this Court, which is an abuse of the judicial process. As of this date, over a dozen of his lawsuits have been dismissed as frivolous, malicious and/or for failure to state a claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

For the above stated reasons, plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal will be denied.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal [ECF No. 9] is **DENIED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that plaintiff shall file any future documents or pleadings in connection with his appeal directly with the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2021.

/s/ *John M. Bodenhausen*

JOHN M. BODENHAUSEN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE